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TAGS: OVIP (SELDEN) FJ,TN

SUBJECT: VISIT BY AMBASSADOR SELDEN

REF: A. SUVA 233, B. SUVA 238

1. ITINERARY FOR AMBASSADOR SELDEN AND PARTY CORRECTED PER
PARA ONE, REFTEL A DEPARTURE FROM NADI ON APRIL 9 NOW
READS 0715 AND ARRIVAL IN SUVA 0755.

2. AMBASSADOR WILL PAY ALL HOTEL AND PERSONAL EXPENSES
THROUGHOUT VISIT. HE AND FAMILY PREFER STAY AT BEACHCOMBER
UNTIL APRIL 16 BUT WILLING COME TO SUVA APRIL 15 IF NEED
ARISES. AMBASSADOR CONCURS IN SMALL DINNER PARY APRIL 16.

3. AMBASSADOR PREFERS ACTIVE WORKING SCHEDULE TO REST OVER
LONG EASTER WEEKEND. HE IS AWARE OF UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY
IN FIJI AT THIS TIME BUT WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS PERIOD TO
SEE AS MUCH OF COUNTRY AS POSSIBLE. ALSO INTERESTED IN
MEETING PEOPLE DURING THIS PERIOD--AMERICANS, IF NOT FIJIAN
OR FOREIGN DIPLOMATS. OPTIONS TO CONSIDER ARE ORIENTATION
TO PEACE CORPS ACTIVITIES, VIEWING HOTELS AND TOURIST
FACILITIES, VISITING AGRICULTURAL SITES. IF FEASIBLE, MIGHT
CONSIDER BRIEF TRIP TO OUTER ISLANDS.

4. SELLDENS ARE NOT SPORTS OR RECREATION MINDED THOUGH SON
THOMAS HAS INTEREST IN LEARNING TO SCUBA DIVE. PERHAPS
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BEACHCOMBER CAN PROVIDE HIM NECESSARY EQUIPMENT. AMBASSADOR PREFERS FAMILY STAY TOGETHER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OUTSIDE OF NECESSARY OFFICIAL CALLS AND HIS SCHEDULE BE PLANNED ACCORDINGLY. SUGGEST, THEREFORE, DO NOT PLAN WORKING LUNCHEONS, STAG DINNERS, OR GOLF MATCHES. KISSINGER

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